

Art Bento

Museum Education Program @ HiSAM Hawai`i State Art Museum



Hawai`i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (HSFCA) is pleased to offer the Art Bento Program @ HiSAM, a standards-based museum education program of the Hawai`i State Art Museum. This museum experience has been developed for second through sixth grade students and their teachers. Art Bento's theme, "Responding to Art," is meant to enliven participants' understanding of and responses to works of art using HiSAM's collection as a resource.

A UNIQUE 4-PART MUSEUM EXPERIENCE



- 1. The Art Bento experience begins with a professional development session for teachers in the responding process of observing, describing, interpreting, and evaluating works of art.
- 2. This is followed by a pre-visit lesson with students in the classroom led by an Artistic Teaching Partner (ATP). These ATPs are professional teaching artists trained in presenting standards-based lessons in the classroom.
- 3. During the museum visit, students experience an inquiry-based guided tour in the HiSAM galleries, engage in an art making activity with their
- ATP, and explore art concepts through hands-on activities in the "I Love Art Gallery."
- 4. Art Bento culminates in a post-visit in the classroom. Students review concepts and vocabulary as they reflect on the museum experience with their ATP.

THE ART BENTO CONCEPT

Art Bento is a compact, cohesive, and portable educational experience (much like the convenient lunch-time favorite). Each segment complements the others, and together they form a well-rounded, complete package demonstrating the essentials of how the arts are organized and how they communicate.



ART BENTO OBJECTIVES

- Increase opportunities for arts education and experiences for grades 2-6 students;
- Develop literacy through the arts by guiding students toward a richer interpretation of visual arts by promoting their critical thinking and observation skills;
- Actively engage students and teachers through inquiry-based activities connected to current arts standards and ELA Common Core Standards.



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